(e) The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to States and Union Territories to conduct a BPL Census in the beginning of the Five Year Plan to identify the rural poor who could be assisted under its various programmes. Programmes such as, Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), a wage employment and self-employment programmes respectively are implemented in the rural areas of the country including Bihar. Under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), assistance is provided to the rural poor for construction of houses, which has a direct bearing on their living conditions. With effect from 2nd Feb., 2006, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) is being implemented in the selected 200 districts of the country. The Act provides for enhancement of livelihood security of the rural households by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled manual work. In Bihar, it is reported that 618.37 lakh mandays were generated under SGRY, 1.31 lakh swarozgaris were assisted under SGSY and 3.32 lakh houses were constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) during 2005-06.

## Review of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

- 1621. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have made periodical review of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in various States;
- (b) if so, the time-schedule of review and the composition of the Review Committee:
- (c) the comparative achievements of the Scheme in States, where it has been introduced; and
- (d) Government's action plan to ensure equitable spread of the Scheme amongst different States?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRJ CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Periodic review meetings have been undertaken by Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. The details of such meetings are as under:

- (i) Review meeting with State Secretaries by Minister in Delhi on 12th/13th May, 2006.
- (ii) State specific reviews by Minister in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir in May-June, 2006.
- (iii) Minister of Rural Development participated in the Social Audit in Andhra Pradesh in the month of September, 2006.
- (iv) Regional review meetings by Minister at Delhi on 26.9.2006 of Northern region and at Kolkata on 12th/13th September, 2006 of Eastern region.
- (v) Review of Kerala and North Eastern States by Secretary in September, 2006.
- (vi) Meeting of the Central Employment Guarantee Council was held on 27.9.2006 and a through review of NREGA was undertaken.
- (vii) Performance Review Committee meeting of Southern and Western region at Delhi on 9.10.2006.
- (viii) Conference of Project Directors, DRDA, at Delhi on 16-17, October, 2006.
- (ix) Meeting with State Secretaries and District Programme Coordinators on NREGA held on 01.11.2006.
- (x) Minister (RD) and Secretary (RD) also reviewed performance of NREGA of States at State Headquarters.
- (c) A State-wise progress report on the implementation of NREG Act is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).
- (d) The process of implementation has been affected due to elections in a few States, on-set of rains and inadequate staff with the implementing agencies. Pace of implementation of NREGA is also based on the pace of demand for job cards and then for employment. Thus, States are at different level of implementation. Instructions have been issued by the Ministry From time to time to speed up the process of implementation of the Act.

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